

Pharmacology Summer Research Award

The Pharmacology Summer Research Award (PSRA) provides financial support for a highly qualified undergraduate student motivated to pursue a career in Pharmacology research. It is intended to provide a meaningful research experience for the student, to enhance the research capacity of the Department of Pharmacology and to encourage the pursuit of graduate studies within our department.

Student Eligibility

- Full-time enrollment in an undergraduate degree program (minimum 2nd year of program)
- Availability to pursue a consecutive 16-week research project (May-August) under the supervision of a Faculty member from the Department of Pharmacology
- No other summer studentship (internal or external) can be held during the tenure of the PSRA
- Students enrolled in professional degree programs (e.g. Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy) are not eligible
- Students that have been accepted into a graduate program prior to the application deadline are not eligible to apply
- Normally a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 is required

Supervisor Eligibility

- Primary, joint or cross-appointment with the Department of Pharmacology
- Graduate student supervision privileges within the Department of Pharmacology
- Ability to provide matching funds for the award (see below)
- Only one application per supervisor will be considered for this competition.
- Supervisor letter should provide a clear context about how the student will build research capacity (e.g. potential to pursue graduate studies, collection of pilot data) and justify the financial need of this recruitment.

Value

- Minimum \$6,500 total
- \$5,000 (PSRA) + \$1,500 (minimum Supervisor contribution)

Application Deadline

- March 15

Application Requirements

- Student CV (maximum 2 pages)
- Student transcripts (Dalhousie Banner printouts are acceptable)
- Research proposal (maximum 1 page)
- Letter of support from the supervisor
- Application and reference letter should be submitted to Lori.Lawson@dal.ca

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- Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered

Review Criteria

- Quality of the student (academic/research accomplishments and potential)
- Quality of the research proposal (clarity and scientific merit)
- Financial need (to be addressed in Supervisor letter)

Review Process

- Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Department of Pharmacology Awards Committee with a final decision by the Department Head. If an applicant of sufficient quality is not identified for any particular competition, the PSRA will not be conferred.

Student Responsibilities

- Perform 16 consecutive weeks of full-time research (~35 h/week)
- The award will be paid in monthly installments. If the student is unable to complete the full term, unpaid portion of the PSRA and supervisor stipend will be revoked
- Attend Pharmacology Seminars, Research Days, Thesis defenses and other Departmental Research events occurring May – August
- Preparation of a concise (max. 5 pages) research report describing the rationale, methods, major findings and conclusion of the project; to be submitted to the supervisor and Head of the Department of Pharmacology by the third Friday of August